



MAG-41 NEWS

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Colonel Hawkins Message



Happy November MAG-41

First, in this season of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for you – MAG-41 Marines, Sailors, and their supporting and loving families for serving this nation so well. November has our beloved Corps' birthday, Veteran's Day, and the Thanksgiving holiday — enjoy, revel in it and bring a friend and/or a spouse of a deployed Marine to all the celebrations on base and in town. Please remember all those that have come home from service overseas, because whether they serve in harms way, or a forward presence, mission it takes the same commitment.

The USMC Ball this year is going to be a grand event, many awards, accolades and a great Guest Speaker, BGen. Tom Benes and his wife Betty. Look for his biography on the MAG-41 website soon (<http://www.mfr.usmc.mil/4thmaw/mag41/>).

These are times filled with change, as I sit here after election night writing this letter. Yesterday we voted in the one of the most significant elections of our time. How the election went will determine the course of this nation for many years to come. Certainly the fate of MAG-41 continues to rest in President Bush's hands. I hope you exercised your duty as an American and voted. Even with the stability of the same President in the White House, change will occur. We all like things to stay the way we are used to, but change is inevitable. Here in MAG-41, through all the change, I will be very focused on the professional operation of aircraft and equipment, while maintaining my number one rule of "people first." The people first rule directly applies to professional conduct, and the professional operation of equipment. Because to think and act professionally, we preserve our most precious war fighting assets -- your loved ones. And, as we take care of our National treasure, we also preserve the machines that take the fight to the enemy.

In the mean time, I will see you at the Ball, our family days, the Christmas party and around town here in the best duty station for Marines and their families ...America's MAG — Fort Worth, Texas.

Semper Fidelis, Hawkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11: Veteran's Day Bowling special
1100-1800 only \$1.00 per-game

November 20th: Marine Corps Birthday Ball Hyatt Regency East, DFW Airport

November 25: Thanksgiving

December 18th: Family Christmas Party— you will find the details in the next issue of the newsletter.



JRB Children's Holiday Party

The party will be on Friday, 17 December from 1800-2000 at the FITNESS CENTER. The costs are Military-\$3.00 and DOD \$5.00. Tickets will be on sale from November 7-December 16 at 1400. There will be NO ticket sales at the door.

Children will be treated to Texas Sleigh Rides, face painting, clowns, crafts, refreshments plus a visit and gift from Santa.

Special points of interest:

- Newsletter is available on MAG-41 website- <http://www.mfr.usmc.mil/4thmaw/mag41>
- **MSSC ONESOURCE** 1-800-433-6868 or visit their website at: www.mccsonesource.com (user id: marines password: semper fi)

A note from Elizabeth Hawkins

Key Volunteer Advisor

Hello Families,

As we start the month of November I would like to take this opportunity to give THANKS to so many people that have GIVEN so much.

First, to each and every MARINE out there, THANK YOU for your service to our country. Thank you for giving of yourself to keep America Free and making it a wonderful place to live. Thank you for giving up time with your family to work hard, train hard and then deploy to areas all over the world. Thank you to all of the Marines that have taken time away from your civilian job to be activated during this "War on Terror".

Second, to all of the MOMS and DADS of Marines- THANK YOU for raising your kids with integrity, courage and heart! Your support, encouragement and love helps sustain your Marine through good times and bad.

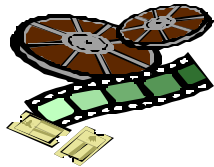
Next I want to Thank all of the KIDS who have a Marine as a parent. You are like no other kids I know, You are strong, brave and so loving to support your parents as they spend many nights away from you while protecting all of the kids in America! Your hugs, kisses and unconditional love make the Marines strong and diligent when they are not with you.

Now, I know that being a SPOUSE of a Marine is not always easy, and can be lonely sometimes. But your job is one of the most crucial jobs in a Military family, not only do you have to be one parent, but sometimes you have to be both parents. Your service at home allows your Marine to focus on the "task at hand" which keeps them safe and gets them home quicker. Not only do many of you work hard with the family but you also work hard outside the home in your jobs. You are so vital to the success of the Marine Corps and their mission! THANK YOU for ALL that you do.

Last but certainly not least, all of the KEY VOLUNTEERS that give so generously of their time to help keep the families informed. MAG-41 could not function so well without each and every one of you! I also want to personally thank all of you for your support and guidance as the KV advisor- you are the greatest!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!
Semper Gumby (always flexible)
Elizabeth

Now Playing at the Theatre on Base.....



Nov 6

The Polar Express G-
2:00 (free showing)
Wimbledon - PG-13 -
5:30
Hero (last)- PG-13
8:00

Nov 7

Sky Captain- PG- 2:00
Resident Evil (last)-
R - 4:30

**Ticket prices: Adults \$3.00
Children \$2.00**

Nov 12

Sky Captain (last)-
PG- 6:00
The Forgotten- PG
13- 8:30

Nov 13

Shark Tale- PG -2:00
First Daughter-PG-
4:30
Ladder 49- PG-13
7:30

Nov 14

Shark Tale- PG -2:00
Mr. 3000-PG-13-4:30



PROMOTIONS



CONGRATULATIONS to the Marines who received a promotion in OCTOBER. We are proud of you.

- ◆ LCPL BRUMLEY, MICHAEL J
- ◆ CPL BAKER, MICHAEL L
- ◆ CPL HARRIS, JEREMY W
- ◆ CPL BUENDIA, MIGUEL A
- ◆ CPL GARCIA, JAVIER G
- ◆ SGT DELACERDA, SJ
- ◆ GYSGT WILLIAMS, SL



OCTOBER AWARDS



Congratulations to the following Marines for receiving the GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

SGT SORIA, DAVID C.
SSGT BOYLE, SEAN P.
GYSGT MARSHALL, SHAWN D.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

SPIRITUAL READINESS

The great escape artist, Harry Houdini, was having a problem. He had accepted the challenge of a small town in the British Isles to free himself from their brand new escape-proof jail cell within sixty minutes. It was already over two hours into his attempt and he was no closer to opening the cell door when Houdini leaned against the door to rest. To his amazement the door fell open. The jailer had not locked the door! That was the key. It was only locked in his mind.

We are told in John 20:26 that the disciples were in the house, the doors locked because they were afraid. They were locked in their fear. But the Lord appeared, the lock having no power over him. The door is not the problem. The lock is the problem. The lock of fear, despair, or uncertainty, is that which is trapped in one's own mind, making it so difficult to open the door to freedom and peace of heart. "Before faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed." (Gal 3:23) Focusing on the lock prevents one from trying the door. The Lord has revealed himself as the door. Try leaning against him instead of worrying about the lock!

Chaplain Neal Moquin
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U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

MISSION: The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

GOAL: The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders.

OBJECTIVES: The objectives of Toys for Tots are to help needy children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable natural resources - our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future.

You're Invited! To participate in the Toys for Tots Radio-Thon

If you have a group or an organization that would like to donate time at one of the Radio-thon locations, please contact Elizabeth Hawkins at elizabethhawkins@charter.net or Major P.T. Courtaway 817.819.3848

Date: December 11 & 12

Time : 0800– 1800 (8:00-6:00)

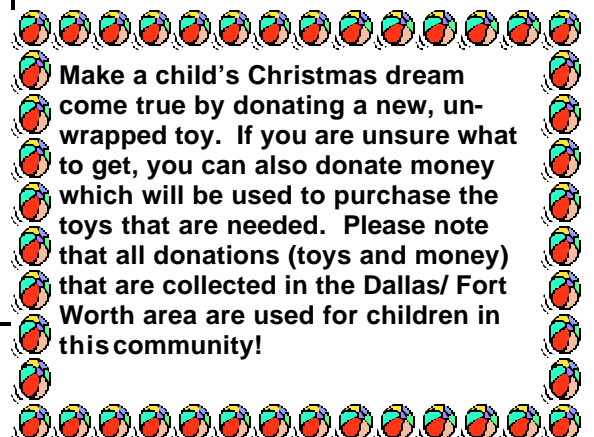
Place:

- ⇒ Town East Mall Parking lot, Town East Blvd. At South I-635 and McDonalds 18751 LBJ Freeway, **Mesquite**
- ⇒ Cooper Street Wal-Mart, (I-20 and Cooper), **Arlington**
- ⇒ S. Hulen Wal-Mart, 6800 S. Hulen Street, **Fort Worth**
- ⇒ Grapevine Mills Parking lot 3A, 3000 Grapevine Mills Parkway, **Grapevine**
- ⇒ Super Wal-Mart, 848 Spring Creek Parkway, **Plano**
- ⇒ North East Mall Parking lot, 1101 Melbourne Road, **Hurst**
- ⇒ NW corner Round Grove Rd and MacArthur, **Lewisville**



TOYS FOR TOTS NEEDS HELP

Toys for Tots needs Volunteers to help separate and organize the toys that come in. We can use organized support Mon-Fri from 0730 to 1700 (7:30—5:00) at the warehouse. Because there is limited space in the Warehouse we need to know a week in advance who will be coming so we can put a schedule together. If you, your family and your friends would like to help, please contact Major P.T. Courtaway at 817.819.3848



Make a child's Christmas dream come true by donating a new, unwrapped toy. If you are unsure what to get, you can also donate money which will be used to purchase the toys that are needed. Please note that all donations (toys and money) that are collected in the Dallas/ Fort Worth area are used for children in this community!



If you have any questions or concerns
you can contact LtCol Mike Ruth the
Peace War Support Team (PWST) for
MAG-41
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MAG-41 Mission Statement

MAG-41 will train, man, equip, and sustain an expeditionary aviation combat element, CFACC element, an aviation logistics squadron, a fighter-attack squadron, and an aerial refueler/assault support squadron in order to deploy/employ as a MAG/ACE, a special purpose MAGTF, or any combination of capabilities ISO MAGTF or Combined/Joint Warfare.

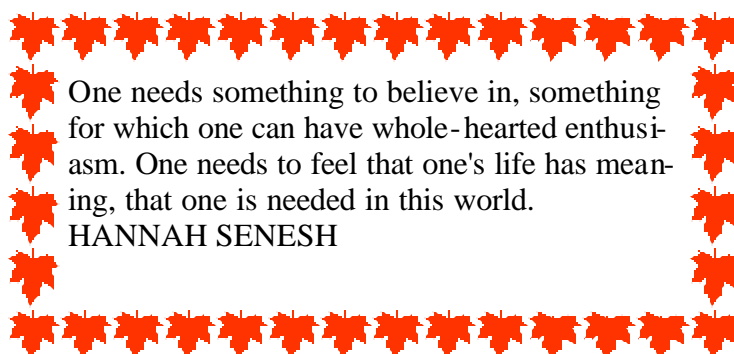
To laugh often and much ...
this is to have succeeded.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



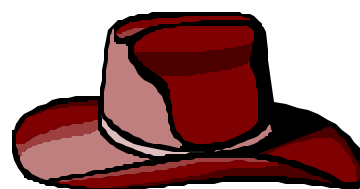
NAS/JRB FORT WORTH MARINE SPOUSES CLUB

The spouses club will not meet this month due to the Marine Corps Birthday Ball and Thanksgiving. However, we will get together in December and hope you join us then! Elizabeth will host the December meeting at her home, 6:00 pm. We will be doing an ornament exchange, so bring a wrapped ornament with you (10.00 limit).

If you need directions or have any questions please contact Cindy Olbrich at olbrichc@sbcglobal.net



One needs something to believe in, something for which one can have whole-hearted enthusiasm. One needs to feel that one's life has meaning, that one is needed in this world.
HANNAH SENESH



MILITARY NIGHT
With the Fort Worth BRAHMAS
Hockey Team

Saturday
November 13th, 2004
Fort Worth Convention Center @ 19:30

TICKETS only \$10.00
Purchase tickets at
Ticket Corral (Bowling Center)
By November 10, 2004

*First 2,000 fans receive a Brahmas puck courtesy of
Montgomery Technology!

Historic Salado, Texas Pre Holiday Trip November 30, 2004

\$15.00 per person

Bus will depart Bowling Center, Bldg 1815
at 0800 and return by approximately 1800 (6:00).
Purchase ticket at the bowling center no later
than

November 15.

Seating is limited.

Must have 20 for bus to make trip

